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Selectees suit up

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CAMP LEMONIER, Djibouti — The Navy Exchange Djibouti held its first uniform fitting at Camp Lemonier for chief petty officer selectees assigned there. The NEXCOM Command Master Chief Larry Darnell and Uniform Program Manager Ms. Helen Manno were in Djibouti for three days to witness the selectees being measured for the uniforms they will wear as the Navy's newest chief petty officers. This is the first time uniform experts have offered this service to CPO selectees at the Camp.

The Navy Exchnage assumed the store at Camp Lemonier from AAFES June 16.

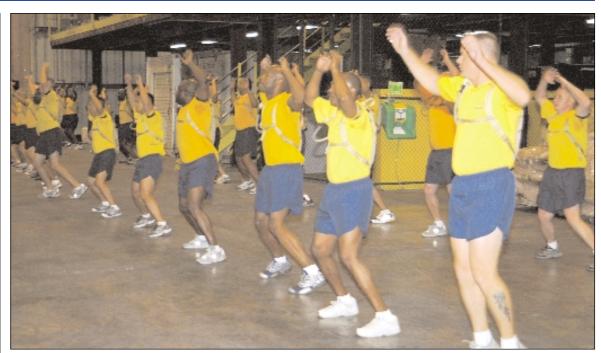


Photo by MC2 Regina L. Brown

A Navy Exchange employee of the Camp Lemonier Exchange shows Chief Air Traffic Controller (sel) Andrew McClendon and Chief Builder (sel) Elvin Silsby accessories for their new khaki uniforms at the Camp Lemonier Navy Exchange. McClendon and Silsby are two of 10 CPO selectees stationed at Camp Lemonier.



Chief Builder (sel) Elvin Silsby fills out an order form for his new khaki chief uniforms at the Camp Lemonier Navy Exchange.



Chief petty officer selectees do arm-raising exercises during the early morning hours August 27 at the BANZ Warehouse on Naval Support Activity Bahrain. Although these selectees are wearing matching physical traning attire, the Chief of Naval Operations has approved a Navy PT uniform for command-wide physical training. The new PT uniform will be available in the Spring of 2008.

Navy's physical fitness uniform to be introduced next spring

By Sharon Anderson

Chief of Naval Personnel Public Affairs

WASHINGTON D.C. — The Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Mike Mullen recently approved the first Navy physical fitness uniform.

"The goal was to design a uniform for wear during command-directed group and unit PT activities and one that our Sailors will be proud to wear," said Vice Adm. John C. Harvey Jr., Chief of Naval Personnel. "What CNO has delivered more than meets that goal."

The uniform consists of a gold short-sleeved shirt and Navy blue shorts. The nylon moisture wicking and odor-resistant Navy blue shorts come in six- and

eight-inch lengths, which provide standard appearance for Sailors of different height. In addition, it has reflective piping and reflective Navy lettering. The shorts have side pockets with a hidden ID card pocket inside the waistband.

'We carefully evaluated the materials, styling and functionality in designing this uniform," said Harvey. "We looked at the lessons learned from the other services and got feedback from our Sailors — young, mature, male, and female, officer and enlisted — and arrived at this design.'

"This is a high-quality, high-performance product that I know our Sailors will be proud to wear, because we asked them," Harvey added.

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'Quick Poll' reveals fleet opinions, influences leaders

By MCSN Ken Ingram

Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON D.C. — The Navy is polling a select group of Sailors on short-term extensions as part of the Navy Quick Poll program used to hear Sailor's voices on personnel-related issues. The poll closed August 27.

"Ouick polls were developed to provide a quick look into a hot director of Navy Personnel, Research, Studies, & Technology.

The polling, managed by the NPRST Department of the Navy Personnel Command, is designed to target one specific subject with 10 to 15 questions and provide Navy leaders with results in 13 days. Sailors take the poll online at the Quick Poll Web site at http://quickpolling.nprst.navy.mil/ index.htm.

The polls provide reliable, of error, and leadership uses the results of the polls to help make

policy and program decisions. One survey, focused on duty in remote locations, was used in setting Assignment Incentive Pay for that location and another helped influence changes to the enlisted education policy.

"Even though Sailors are preselected, it's completely voluntary," said Newell, "We don't keep track of which Sailors did not take the credible and representative data poll." The required login is for secutopic," said Carol Newell, project with less than 10 percent margin rity and the survey Web site clearly states that responding is voluntary.

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"Women's Equality Day"

As the country we have all chosen to serve has taken shape, significant events in our history are marked by celebrations denoting the United States of America's perseverance and willingness to hold dear the values which many of us sometimes accept as commonplace.

Some of these observances and holidays we may know while others we may not. August 26 is one that some may not recognize. It is the date that marked a turning point in the development of our country, one which we should all take time to learn about and understand.

August 26 is Women's Equality Day. It was established by a Presidential Proclamation as a day on which to commemorate the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution and recognize the strong leadership of extraordinary women who have made the United States of America what it is today through advancing women's suffrage.

Nearly 150 years ago, at the Seneca Falls Convention of 1848, a group of visionaries gathered to proclaim the ideas that "all men and women are created equal" and "endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights." This gathering spurned a national movement that eventually led to the ratification of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote. This forever changed the face of our country and is an accomplishment which could not be held in any higher regard.

While the Seneca Falls Convention started a significant trend that spread through the country, the ratification of the 19th Amendment didn't happen until almost 60 years later. This was only after a group protested in front of the White House for 18 months to raise awareness of women's issues.

January 9, 1918, President Woodrow Wilson announced his support of the amendment. The next day, the House of Representatives narrowly passed the amendment, but the Senate refused to even debate it until October, at which time the amendment failed by three votes. In response, the National Woman's Party urged citizens to vote against anti-suffrage senators up for election in the fall of 1918. After the 1918 election, most members of



Congress were pro-suffrage, and on May 21, 1919, the House of Representatives passed the amendment. Two weeks later the Senate finally followed.

Since the passage of the 19th Amendment, women have risen and broken down barriers to equality, continually shaping both America and the world by serving in all fields in the civilian and military communities. Women today serve in all branches of the U.S. armed forces, fly spacecraft, and are recognized doctors and experts in their fields. Most of the freedoms that the women of today enjoy were born from the dedication and perseverance of the women of the 1800s who saw a need for change.

Today, there are women serving in positions of leadership and great responsibility all over this area of operations – from Djibouti in the Horn of Africa to duties in Bahrain to remote areas in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan. Women serve side-by-side their male colleagues and are making significant contributions every day.

Admiral Mike Mullen once said, "I believe we derive enormous strength from our diversity, that we need leaders for and from all parts of our Navy." I am grateful for the leadership that the women in our ranks have provided and applaud them for further paving the way for generations of women still to come."

Mark J. Deardurff Commanding Officer Naval Support Activity Bahrain Commander Navy Region Southwest Asia

Emergency kits save time, lives

By Bob Massey

Emergency Management Office NSA Bahrain

In addition to having emergency plans, you and your family should build one or more emergency kits that have enough supplies to last for at least three days.

Keep a portable kit at home, ready to take with you if directed to evacuate or go to a shelter, and consider kits for your car and workplace. These kits will help you respond faster and smarter during an emergency, whether you are sheltering in place or evacuating.

Put your disaster supplies kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers, and be sure every family member knows where it is. It's important to maintain emergency supply kits so that the food and water will be safe and can be used when needed. Write storage dates on containers, and change out stored supplies every six months. Store boxed food in tight containers to extend shelf life and protect the contents from pests. Keep canned foods in a cool, dry place, and discard any cans that become swollen, dented or corroded.

In planning the contents of your emergency supply kits, consider possible hazards in our area and any special needs of family members and pets. Rethink your family needs every year, and update your kits accordingly.

The bare essentials are:

- Nonperishable food
- At least one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days (including pets)
- A first-aid kit
- Prescription medications (if applicable)
- Personal sanitation supplies
- Dust masks
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Flashlights and extra batteries
- Maps
- Your family communications plan

More comprehensive supply checklists are available on Web sites sponsored by Ready.gov, the American Red Cross, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Additional items for a vehicle emergency kit include signal flares, jumper cables, and blankets.

Assumption of command

Navy Capt. Stephanie L. O'Neal will assume command of the Defense Information Systems Agency's Central field command from Army Col. Peter A. Gallagher in a ceremony to be held at the Naval Support Activity Chapel at 10 a.m. September 11. O'Neal, who will serve as commander, Theater Network Operations Central, comes to Bahrain from U.S. Third Fleet, San Diego, Calif., where she served as deputy assistant chief of staff for the Command, Control, Communications, Computing and Intellence Directorate.

Violators beware!

Service members, Department of Defense personnel and others who have vehicle passes and park aboard Naval Support Activity Bahrain need be aware that numbered reserved parking spaces in the main parking lot are assigned and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to the person assigned to these spaces. As the signs clearly state, these are reserved spaces and unauthorized vehicles will be "booted."



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DESERT TIMES

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Grand Mosque

What service members should know about the holy month of Ramadan

By Ali Hassan

Fleet and Family Support Center NSA Bahrain

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar, and a time when Muslims all over the world spend 30 days observing fast and bettering themselves in principles of faith. During the fasting hours, Muslims abstains from eating and drinking between sunrise and sunset, fasting from during the daylight hours for 29 or 30 consecutive days during the month of Ramadan.

The reason Muslims fast is to discipline their body and mind. The absence of food and drink and other pleasures provides a perfect space and opportunity to concentrate on prayer and worship. Not having the luxuries of life to hand makes it easier to reflect on life and be grateful for what we do have. Muslims use this month to start afresh and give their life a new direction, like making resolutions similar to American's New Year's resolutions. Ramadan is a time when

they decide how they want to live their life for the next year and try their very best to adhere to their new commitments to God and faith.

Ramadan is a time when Muslims can introduce practices into their life to reflect their religious identity. A lot of Muslims have a desire to pray more and learn more about Islam. Others wish to be better and nicer people while some want to learn Qur'anic Arabic to better their understanding of the Holy Book. For these people, Ramadan is the best opportunity to begin this grand affair with something so personal and spiritually enlightening.

Can't they do it at any other time...why Ramadan?

Ramadan is a blessed month ordained by God. It is the month in which Satan and his minions are said to be locked away in Hell to prevent them from misleading, deceiving and whispering in the ears of believers.

This doesn't mean that sin and bad deeds will completely disappear for a month but it will mean that if bad deeds are done and sins committed, they will be from the hearts of people alone and the devil cannot be blamed.

However, God has promised the people that the reward for good deeds and actions during the holy month will be multiplied greater than usual and this encourages many increase their level of worship and prayer. Although, this also applies to sins and so any naughty actions only invite greater punishment than usual.

Ramadan does make it easier for Muslims to observe their faith though, largely because all Muslims are following the same pattern and so they are always offering each other moral support and encouraging each other to do better. Ramadan brings people much closer than normal as they forgive each other for any misdemeanors of the past, forge new and positive relationships and treat each other with greater respect.

The Desert Times will be including facts about Ramadan in each issue until the end of Ramadan. If you have questions about Ramadan, contact Ali Hassan at 439-9797.

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to be spring 2008, all command-directed their commands. physical training and semi-annual physical fitness tests will be performed while wearing this PT uniform. However, the uniform does not have to be worn during individual exercise.

"Sailors may still wear personal PT gear when not participating in command PT activities or the semi-annual fitness tests," said Head, Navy Uniform Matters Office Robert Carroll.

Uniform availability at uniform centers and command uniform distribution activities will be phased in beginning with major

fleet concentration areas in spring 2008. Upon delivery to the fleet, anticipated Reserve enlisted will be issued uniforms by

> Sailors' clothing replacement allowance will be adjusted starting October 1 to allow for the purchase of two sets of short-sleeve shirts and PT shorts.

> 'We have designated optional items including a long-sleeved shirt, compression shorts, head gear and running shoes that can be worn during these events," said Carroll. A Navy wind suit is also in the works.

> A Navy administrative message that provides more detailed information on uniform wear policy will be released soon on www.npc.navy.mil.

Financial training – As I remember it

By MaryLynn Teachey

Fleet and Family Support Center NSA Bahrain

Her name is Katrina Pemberton, personal financial manager from Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy. She is one of those good surprises and is dangerously alluring when talking about finances. When Katrina learned that NSA Bahrain needed a certified instructor for Command Financial Specialist Training, she willingly hopped a plane from the cool climate of Naples to the daunting heat in Bahrain to provide services.

August 5, day one – I stood, stretched and looked at my watch. It was almost eight o'clock and time to meet the Sailors I would be with for the next 36 hours. Most arrived in civilian attire and a few wore uniforms. Those in uniform explained that they needed to be in the office before and after each training day. I hadn't a clue as to what motivated these 17 men and women to go above and beyond. I had a good feeling about the class, but questioned whether or not they were "volun-told" to serve as the command financial specialist. When asked, they quickly responded by saying "No" and explained how they had to use positive karma, promises and assertiveness to gain authorization to attend the training. Yes, luck was on our side; all would be willing participants.

Katrina took control of the introduction exercise and then asked each person to complete a short personality profile. Wow, I couldn't believe it; we had seven "doers," five "thinkers," five "watchers" and no "talkers." Poor Katrina - she would have to work really hard to get feedback from this group!

August 6, day two - I was sitting in the back of the classroom. Everyone was working on their personal financial worksheet. Katrina warned the class, "Know thyself and your own financial health before you help others." One student diligently plugged numbers into her personal laptop, others crunched numbers on a calculator; one kept talking about child support costs in the State of California, another was ranting about the new Gucci purse his wife charged on his Visa card. Then the silence became intimidating - each had to calculate their net worth and time was running out.

August 8, day three — It was time for "show and tell." Each participant had to show receipts for all purchases made the day before. A few folks had a lean and hungry look, confessing they ate "home cooking" vice spending 5 BD on a delivered meal. Student number two confessed he bought Aristocrat Gin rather than the "good stuff" so his expenditures would be low. Student number three kept talking about child support. Student number four proudly announced she could afford a Coach

purse because her debt-to-income ratio is well below 10 percent. I could see that they were having a good time and that finances would be the center of their universe during the week. Katrina was indeed working her financial magic.

August 8, the big day — Time for group presentations. The crowd was antsy. I overheard conversations about WIC, cooking the family goldfish because it ate too much food, washing uniforms vice taking them to the cleaners, increasing TSP contributions, and going to happy hour for the free food and leaving before it was time to buy drinks. The energy and creativity in the room was infectious, and the students were on a mission to develop a financial plan for Jon Dough, a Sailor who was living beyond his means. They were working in small groups and talking about how Jon could best use his \$28,000 reenlistment bonus. Student number eight exclaimed, "He has a \$17,000 credit-card debt!" Another student quickly asked," What do the interest rates look like?" A third student said, "Yeah, but he is contributing 25 percent of his bonus to his TSP."

They had to reach consensus on the financial advice that they would give Sailor Dough. Their final plan included 25 percent to TSP, pay off the smallest loan first, pay a few thousand on the \$15,000 car loan, and snowball payments toward his remaining credit-card debt.

It was a great presentation and I could see that they were taking "living within financial means" to a whole new level. These CFS recruits were ready!

August 9 — Graduation day — The intent of CFS training is to train Sailors on how to use military pay to enjoy the good things life has to offer. No doubt, this class had acquired the formal training needed to render financial advice to their shipmates. The training goals and objectives had been met. Aah, the sweet taste of success!

The class had fun learning together and everyone discovered the "net worth" of working as a team. Yes, Katrina and the August 2007 NSA-Bahrain CFS class was one of those good surprises, and I thank each of them for their commitment to being at the core of the Navy's Personal Financial Management Program.

I also wish to thank Personnel Support Detachment, Navy-Marine Corps Relief, Legal, and Navy Federal for their willingness to be our subject experts throughout the week. Together, as a team, we learned how to build wealth and financial security and we made new friendships.

That's what I remember most It takes the talents of many people to help us grow personally and professionally.



Photo by Maryl ynn Teachey

Military service members assigned to Naval Support Activity Bahrain work on their presentations during a recent Fleet and Family Support Center-sponsored Command Financial Specialist training session. After this training session these active-duty Sailors took their new skills back to their command where they provided those assigned with them financial advise.



Photo by MC2 Aaron Pineda

Members of the Emergency Response Team enter a building during an emergency response exercise August 21. The building, the Oasis, used for the exercise, is scheduled for demolition so that allowed the team to train at tasks such as breaching concrete barriers and experiencing an environment similiar to that of a building that has been attacked.

Emergency Response Team comes to the rescue

Story by Staff

Emergency Management Office NSA Bahrain

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY Bahrain

— Twenty-seven members of the Naval Support Activity Bahrain Emergency Response Team participated in an exercise August 21 that was designed to train and evaluate its technical rescue, medical, logistics and command and control elements.

According to ERT officials, the exercise was the result of seamless coordination between Naval Facilities Engineering Europe Southwest Asia, Bahrain Facilities Engineering Acquisition Division Officer Lt. Brad Davis and the Emergency Management Office and personified the "Can Do" Seabee motto.

"This was an excellent opportunity for the leadership – Steelworker Chief (SCW) Les Morgan, Bob Massie and myself — to see the men and women in action and find our weaknesses to determine future training," said Lt.j.g. Paul Farr, NSA Bahrain Emergency Management Officer and ERT Officer-in-Charge.

The ERT trains every first and third Tuesday of each month. Most of the regu-

lar training evolutions consist of individual element exercises. The August 21 exercise at the Oasis (a building that is in the process of being demolished) allowed for a multiple-element response, which exercised the ability of the elements to work as a team.

Of the many hazards faced during this operation, one of the greatest challenges to ERT members was the heat. With the heat index exceeding 130 degrees, team members were very careful to maintain fluid intake. Mitigating the effects heat stress was the primary motivator for the speed of work during this evolution.

Though the building was structurally sound with no collapsed sections, areas were marked to indicate limited access simulating an actual collapse. The team was funneled into an area on the second deck where they could hear one role player "victim" Storekeeper 2nd Class (SW) Rachel Spears of NCTS calling for help. While medical element members communicated with the victim in an effort to determine her medical state, the technical rescue element began probing the floor to determine construction material and design.

After determining the floor was made



Photo by MC2 Aaron Pineda

An Emergency Response Team member from Naval Support Activity Bahrain operates a K-12 rescue saw as he attempts to breach a concrete floor during an exercise.



Photo by Don Marr

An Emergency Response Team member prepares to lower a rescuer to the floor below during the exercise.

of concrete, technical rescue element members used hammer drills, a 45-pound Stanley Jack Hammer, a K-12 rescue saw, sledge hammers and rescue axes to create a pilot hole for assessment purposes. All the while, the logistics element provided



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NSA Bahrain Emergency Management Officer and ERT Officer-in-Charge

water, tools and supplies to technical rescue element members.

Then technical rescue element members used a SearchCam (a portable camera with an extendable lens) to look into the



Photo by MC2 Aaron Pineda

The Emergency Response Team uses a Searchcam to look for potential "survivors."

area in which they suspected the presence of "survivors." After ascertaining that survivors were in an area beneath them and making an opening large enough for them to fit through, they rappelled into the first floor area to provide emergency medical treatment that included administering intravenous fluids, splinting broken bones and treating wounds. At this time, a mannequin was used in lieu of a human being for safety purposes. After addressing the victim's injuries, medical element members packaged the mannequin in a Stokes basket and assisted the technical rescue element whose members raised the victim back through the access hole.

"The exercise served as a real-life scenario to assess our response capabilities and enhances training for the Rescue Team," said Builder 1st Class (SCW/SW) Shane Murray, a Poughkeepsie, New York native and NSA Bahrain ERT element leader. "Usually during training evolutions, the manner in which we practice involves sawing through concrete in an open area.

"This exercise helped us prepare for what it actually could be like in a building which has been damaged — either by an attack, negligence, or due to the building being old. This helped the unit prepare for rapid response in an emergency situation — either on base or out in town."

The ERT is open to all U.S. Navy service members from seaman to petty officer 1st class who have more than nine months until their prospective rotation date. For details, contact your command ERT coordinator or Utilitiesman 1st Class (SCW) Sean Cunningham at 439-9038.



Photo by MC2 Aaron Pineda

A member of the Emergency Response Team carries a K-12 Fire-Rescue rotary saw during an emergency response exercise. The exercise enacted a scenario where rescue team members worked to save "survivors" of a building attack.

Naval Support Activity Bahrain Emergency Response Team members prepare to hoist a "survivor" strapped to a rescue sled through a hole in the ceiling during an exercise August 21.



Photo by MC2 Mark A. Wagner

Driving a cart is a privilege

Naval Support Activity Bahrain is predominately a pedestrian base, so the use of carts in heavily populated areas creates a safety concern. With this in mind, service members, Department of Defense personnel and others who are authorized to drive carts are reminded to observe all safety regulations and rules governing the operation of carts on the facility. One area of specific concern is the main pedestrian walkway, or the "spine," where the Naval Region Southwest Asia/NSA Bahrain

Security Officer says there have been an increased number of carts transiting where only emergency and medical vehicles are permitted. Also, cart drivers are reminded that transiting this area for passenger drop off, taking a shortcut, or making trips to the Freedom Souq is not authorized. Individuals violating these rules will have their on-base driving privileges revoked. For more information, refer to NSA Bahrain Instruction 5100.16, which governs the use of these carts.

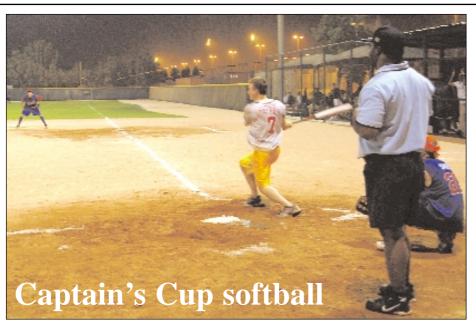


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Naval Central Command's Operations Specialist 3rd Class Joshua Balash swings at a pitch during a Captain's Cup softball game August 28. Balash and the NAVCENT team defeated the NSA Security team 17-16.

U.S. citizen vacancy announcements

Individuals applying for locally announced positions may submit their resume/CV along with all required documents by mail or in person. Application packages not received by the closing date and/or not postmarked by the closing date will not receive further consideration. Mailed applications received after the closing date, but postmarked by the closing date will receive consideration as long as the referral certificate has not been issued. Internal applicants may submit their packages directly to Human Resources Office Bahrain; however, these packages must be complete at the time of submission. Failure to submit all required documents will result in the application package not receiving further consideration. No notifications are given regarding receipt or status of applications. Notification only occurs if an interview is to be conducted or if the applicant is selected for the position. Details regarding the following vacancy announcements – documents required; qualification requirements; conditions of employment – are available via the Commanding Officer's Secretary's weekly e-mail or vacancy announcement bulletin boards located outside HRO Building 267 or outside the main walk-in entrance of NSA Bahrain.

Closing August 29: Education Technician NSA-07-089 GS-1702-05 Full time, temp NTE one year Navy College NSA Bahrain Opened until filled: Office Automation Assistant NSA-07-004 GS-0326-05/06 Temporary NTE one year CNRSWA Chief of Staff Office Open continuously: Recreation Aid NSA-07-039 NF-0188-01 Part time, flexible NSA MWR

Seabees participate in community relations project at local school

By MC1(SW) Bruce Cummins Assistant Public Affairs Officer

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY Bahrain —
Eleven Seabees assigned to the Naval Support Activity Bahrain Public Works Department participated in a community relations project July 20 at the RAI School for Autistic Children.

The event coordinator and NSA Bahrain PWD Builder Shop Supervisor Builder 1st Class (SCW/SW) Shane Murray, a Poughkeepsie, New York native, said was important in continuing ties with the local community.

"This was a great opportunity for us as representa-

tives of the United States to help out an organization which really needs assistance," he said. "We're fortunate we're in a position to do so, and I know that my fellow Seabees and I were happy to lend a hand."

During the project, the Seabees erected a maze using bamboo sticks, sheets and Zip Ties for students to use during summer camp activities. Murray said that although the task of erecting the maze for the children was relatively simple, the end result provided a much needed and welcomed addition to the activities planned.

"This will give them something else to do during

the day," he said. "It was easy enough for us to put together, and I know it's something they'll enjoy."

While the Seabees were able to construct the maze, Murray said one of the most important aspects of the community relations project was interacting with the children, some of whom have severe autistic afflictions.

"It was great to be able to spend time with these children," he said. "Some of them have disabilities, but kids are kids, and having us there, playing with them and enjoying the day ... I think all of us can take something away from this experience."



Photo by BU1 Shane Murra

Engineering Aide 2nd Class (SCW) Chris Beltransota and Engineering Aide Constructionman Kalee Wolf of the Naval Support Activity Bahrain Public Works Department fasten sheets to bamboo poles while constructing a maze for students at the RAI School for Autistic Children July 20. Along with Beltransota and Wolf, 11 Seabees from Public Works Department participated in the community relations project, constructing a maze and playing with children.

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Another source leadership uses to gauge Sailors' opinions is the upcoming annual Navy-wide Personnel Survey, a much larger survey designed to look at job satisfaction of Navy personnel in a variety of subjects. This fall, approximately 17,000 Sailors throughout the fleet will be randomly selected to participate in this survey.

"One of our Navy's greatest strengths is its willingness to listen to the Sailor on the deck plate," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SW/FMF) Joe R. Campa Jr. "Whether it's feedback on quality of life or any number of Navy policies, the voice of the Sailor is valued and listened to by our leadership."

For poll outcomes back to 2003, visit http://quickpolling.nprst.navy.mil/results.htm.